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#### Tariff Reformers.

In a speech at Indianapolis to twenty Democratic national committeemen Governor MARSHALL said:

"There are many kinds of Progressives nowadays. One believes in taking the tariff off Iowa products and putting it on Indiana products, and another supports the opposite policy. I am not that kind of Progres

Is not Governor MARSHALL here confusing "progressive" with "tariff reor "tariff reviser"? We have many public men, tariff revisers, Demoidea of tariff revision is not exactly fresh sample of his powers: or substantially that described by Governor Marshall? Protect what my Congress district, my State, my "secproduces or manufactures; take the tariff off or reduce it on what they need to buy. And all protection where I get no finger in the pie is of the Robber

Not even about the "trusts" has there been such an infinite deal of nonsense talked as about the tariff; the trusts are comparatively young, the have come to believe that even what often sounds like sickening hypocrisy on the part of protectionists to whom a The General Staff's Plan of an Army high tariff is a religion or of tariff smashers to whom it is the unpardonable sin.

fectly superfluous old "only"?

the Titanic disaster everybody at once agrees that safety is a paramount essential of the transportation of passengers by sea. Commercial considerations are relegated to the background; the lives of all seagoers, crew as well as travellers, must be insured against avoidable peril at any cost. The peculiar circumstances of that particular accident led to the almost unanimous conclusion that every passenger vessel should be provided with enough life-

Congress at once enacted legislation new regulations in regard to coastwise steamers are to go into effect on September 15.

The effect of this legislation upon the steamers plying between the island of Nantucket and the Massachusetts mainland will illustrate the inconvenience and detriment to business interests likely to be caused by the change.

There are two vessels engaged in this trade during the Nantucket season, the Sankaty and the Gay Head. "Under the new ruling," says the Nantucket Inquirer and Mirror, "the carrying capacity of the Sankaty will be cut down to about 100 and the Gay Head will probably not be permitted to carry more and to respond to a call for periodical of the steamers to carry lifeboats capa- for holding himself in readiness; but ble of accommodating more than those numbers in case of emergency. With would be based upon the furlough the passenger rating of these two boats cut down to such a low figure it will mean that summer residents and cottagers will hasten homeward carlier! than usual, in order to make sure of ob-

taining passage on the steamers." The local newspaper, not unnaturally perhaps, insists that the limit prescribed pursuant to the new law is ridiculously small; but is not this a mistaken view even so far as the purely material interests of Nantucket are concerned?

The trip between Woods Hole and Nantucket not infrequently exposes the of the sea. Fog. storm and collision contains a vivid account of the adventures of a fishing steamer bound from

and foresight can devise.

It is too soon to disregard the lesson so so vertisement for the delightful island of United States is "the only nation that "That movement includes the principles That movement includes the principles and say, the second than the has no scientific means of meeting the that I believe in, that I have earnestly tried that is to say, he sleeps there when his famabsolute assurance that visitors can situation." If the country were in- to further so far as I could during my term come and go with safety on the sea.

## A Preposterous Rumor.

back seat in the band wagon near the a "contemptuous smile"; the report, he raised by "leading citizens." said, was "a complete reversal of the Of course it was. The indis-Third Term movement. Like master the General Staff are of course tenta-

As long ago as the early part of April, editions, may subscribe for the paper to be sent by mail to them in any part of the country at the rate of 70 cents a month; daily edition, 30 cents a national convention met in Chicago, As long ago as the early part of April, or more than two months before the JOE DIXON handled the President of the United States without gloves. On the strength of charges made in a telegram by a Kentucky Republican that a deputy postmaster had signed the Taft certificates of delegates in the First dis triet, although it had been carried for ROOSEVELT, Manager DIXON in an open letter to President TAFT called upon him to repudiate the transaction and the acts of other supporters, said to be Federal officeholders, if he did not want to profit "knowingly by theft" and become "the deliberate receiver of stolen goods." There was more badgering and bullying of the President by this Senator of JOSEPH M. DIXON to the Admirable and EL MORRI of Morocco at French Crichton of Oyster Bay.

watched tariff revision as it has been is wanted, such as the Colonel uses ble, lamentable as the day that marked talked about or imperfectly tackled in himself, his manager can furnish it. the passing of the red pantaloon. Congress for a good many years. How And as a "barker" outside the Third How much of the charm of the Midi. Term tent there is not the like of JOE how much of the color of these othercratic or Republican, are there whose DIXON anywhere. The following is a wise sombre northern provincial towns the tracks will reach Bukama, 200 miles

"TAFT will not get one electoral vote in opinion. Along about October there will be the hottest fight you ever saw between ROOSEVELT and WILSON.

Part with Joe Dixon? Muzzle or charge the breezy, audacious and inde- trousers gone? fatigable gentleman who composed the flaming posters of the greatest show on earth, causing the whole list of adjectariff is an old offender and bogey. We tives in the language to suffer from nervous prostration.

# Reserve

No feature of army reorganization is is mostly sincere liturgy or patter. And regarded as more important by the through all changes the defenders of General Staff than the creation of a "the citadel of protection" and the as- reserve. The United States has fought sailants catapulting bricks into that all its wars with a small regular army sacrosanct keep are really at one. of excellent material but lacking homo-Each is working for his own hand or geneity, supported by volunteer regiments imperfectly trained and lacking Governor MARSHALL will have a field experience. The history of our chance to verify this theory at close wars shows that it required six months rather than put it on. Yet beneath the hand if his party wins this year. In of fighting to bring a National Guard most unmartial disguise in the world that event does he, does anybody of regiment up to the standard of a regiwoman born, expect that our poor, dis-ment of regulars; and if the volunteers soldier, not to be feared by friends, nor essed at last were raw levies the period of licking yet quite disregarded by foes. with a "constitutional" tariff, though them into shape to fight like regulars the hieratic "a tariff for revenue" is seen was much longer. There has been a in public without that engaging but per- gratifying improvement in National Guard organizations since the Spanish war, owing to frequent contact and asso-Obstacles to Safety in Sea Travel, ciation with troops of the regular army When a great tragedy occurs such as in the summer manœuvres; but the militia, excellent as it is in some of the States, is not an army reserve in the

In the elaborate report previding for the reorganization of the army which wearers of this beloved uniform not the General Staff has prepared for the quite wasted, even in defeat, information of Congress it is recommended that the enlistment contract be for six years, of which three years shall he served with the colors; during the remaining three years the soldier shall be by. Yet is it too much to hazard the lof good character than which no other could "furloughed to a reserve" and subject to boats or life rafts to carry off everybody The plan contemplates an extension of a call to the colors in time of war only service with the colors and also with the reserve for noncommissioned ofis accordance with this view, and the ficers; and in order to increase the reserve it is proposed that a soldier who is quick to learn his duties can be "fur- are inseparable ideas. loughed" before expiration of the three years service with the colors. "A short color service and a long reserve service mourning the passing of the red pan-

is desirable at home," in the opinion of the General Staff, "because the home lightful qualities, his uniform was in a army must have power of expansion. In regard to regiments serving in the man and the uniform were in fact in-Philippines and Hawaii the view is held separable. Together they gave to the that reduction of service with the colors street, the city, the country a touch of and transfer to the reserve should be color and of likable human nature allowed only in the case of soldiers who desire to settle in those possessions.

The reservist would be required to report his address from time to time war. What a strange place France will than 120 people, owing to the inability mobilization, receiving nominal pay the hold of the Government upon him consideration. There must be new when called out. The General Staff receive military instruction from regularly detailed army officers. The report

illustrates: "It is believed that it would be in the vessels which undertake it to real perils the regular army. Upon their graduation and many a disaster on the waters of instruction or mano-uvres. After such man to remain and print his notes. Nantucket Sound. Indeed the very probationary service if found to be propnewspaper from which we have quoted erly qualified they could be commissioned whispers in the corridors at Washington obligation to serve in war."

New Bedford to the island with a cargo | Asthis source would not supply enough | mind the grave question of depriving of gasolene, one-third of which had to officers the appointments, it is pro- the Government of his services. It

the rough weather which the vessel en- cers of the regular army and the National sever the connection without regret, countered; and no one can read it Guard. To attract young men of these for no one is more aware of what the without being convinced that passen- various classes it is urged that accepted Commissioner has done for the Governger steamers which may be exposed to applicants be admitted to the Army ment and of what a void he will leave similar conditions ought to be furnished Register and even attached to "definite behind him. But at last he goes where with every safeguard human ingenuity organizations of the regular army," and duty calls, to enlist under the banner of it and have first call for service in the President that he must leave in or- long vacation for once in his life, but he of the Titanic disaster because it will expeditionary forces. How important der to support "the progressive move- wouldn't hear of it. cost money to put its teachings into this question of the creation of a reserve ment and the new progressive party"; mest and the new progressive party"; mest and the new progressive party"; mest and he need to be no better ad
is may be judged from the fact that the land he adde. practice. There can be no better ad- is may be judged from the fact that the and he adds: Nothing could have been more absurd be resorted to; that is to say, avail- of performance than either the Republican than the story that Sengtor Dixon of able regiments of the army filled up with or Democratic parties." Montana had lost the confidence of the raw recruits would be mobilized, a call Montana had lost the confidence of the Colonel and was to be relegated to a president, and it would be necessary to his first love that Mr. TAFT can only tailboard. The Colonel heard it with to accept regiments of raw recruits

sooner the better. The proposals of war in which he will give no quarter. tive. We doubt whether they can be more liberal scale than now obtains, a little out of date. an outgoing soldier is entirely his own is dear to him. If he is to be held in leash, as it were, when he leaves the army he will want either better pay with the colors or something more reserve term of three years.

The Passing of the Red Pantaloon Paris despatches which seek to oba parade shall not blind us to the really vital circumstance of the latest Longchamps review. Paragraphs devoted the United States. It made Washing- to describing the enthusiasm of the Bey martial display deceive no one. Bas-If plain, blunt, knockout language tille Day, 1912, will be forever memora-

lous, delightful red pantaloons of the London now that dull hued khaki has entered upon its sway there too? What mufile him? As well might the late P. advantage has the Rue de la Paiz over T. BARNUM have been expected to dis- Piccadilly, with the madder stained nor many names such as Bukama and

What pleasure is left in visiting art galleries when we can discover no more halted, not before the battle pictures, not before the imperfect representation of the stand of the Old Guard or the explosion of the last cartridge, but before the portrait of a meek Madonna or a peaceful landscape, the diminutive infantryman, always two of him?

Let us grant cheerfully it was the worst uniform in the world, and to its own lack of esthetic charm the tiny infantryman added a pinch of genius by the carelessness with which he wore and kept it. A British sergeant would have suffered apoplexy at the sight of it; a Prussian grenadier would have died

Algiers, the storming of Sebastopol. Solferino, victories in Africa and Asia. when the final charge was made by the wearers of those red pantaloons, far more glorious than the red bonnets of the Revolution. Even the sombre hours of the Terrible Year have a modifying solace in the impossible valor of the

It is impossible to guess the emotions Madagascar as they saw the monotonous thousands of khaki clad troops file conquered their kingdoms had not would have been different? For from stronger man, in many Fex to Saigon, from Timbuctoo to Antana Gaynor would fill the bill Fez to Saigon, from Timbuctoo to Antauanarivo conquest and the red trousers

Yet it is not of his martial glories that his friends would speak first in talooned soldier. Of all his many decertain fashion the embodiment. The which no khaki clad warrior can replace. These madder red trousers were the best thing we ever saw connected with be without them.

# A Willing Recruit.

The defection of his Commissioner of Corporations must remind the Presistatus rather than upon the money dent that when he moved into the White House he might have parted with the officers to command the reserves Hon. HERBERT KNOX SMITH without a pang, Mr. SMITH being a survival of the thinks that this problem could be solved tennis cabinet and passionately devoted in part by absorbing cadets of the to Me. The new President could never military schools throughout the coun-expect a throb of affection from the try and students at the colleges who steadfast heart of HERBERT KNOX SMITH, or even to earn a side glance of his esteem. Mr. TAFT is tolerant and sympathetic, and as HERBERT KNOX party emblem-"Roosevelt and Bust" SMITH wanted to continue indefinitely interest of sound policy to utilize young his work of compiling an encyclopædia men of this type as reserve Lieutenants in of industry, though the containing vaults were almost bursting with the past volopportunities could be given them to serve umes, Mr. TAPT in his large hearted, can tell tales of many a narrow escape with regular organizations at camps of kindly, careless way allowed the young

For a long time now there have been for a limited number of years under an that Commissioner HERBERT KNOX SMITH was turning over in his official he thrown overboard in consequence of posed, should also be open to former offi- must not be supposed that he could

that they be preferred for vacancies in Me. In his letter of explanation he tells

volved in war before Congress adopted of Federal service. I feel that the new the General Staff plan, the old faulty party represents these principles more diand wasteful procedure would have to rectly and with more promise and power

It is so evident that the heart of HER to his first love that Mr. TAFT can only despond and let him go; and no doubt Unless it is to be assumed that the and speculative information about the

Africa is trying so hard to catch up realized unless the Government is pre-with the rest of the world that our knowl-pared to pay enlisted men on a edge of what is going on there is often in his breast pocket takes out a bundle of terest and \$24,000 for the improvements. When one reads At the expiration of the present term for example, that the value of the buildings erected at Elizabethville last year master and free as the air. His liberty and now building is \$1,350,000 he would like to know where this town is situated. as follows: "Dear mother: Glad to hear you received from the United States Government was no such place in Africa three and the girls are having a good time. It's went was written off to profit and loss."

years ago, and not one map in ten now nice to be where it's cool, but it ain't so bad New York, July 19. STOCKHOLDER. in use has the name.

We know much about mining booms than nominal compensation during the and we can understand the meteoric and goes to bed, where he spends half the rise of Elizabethville when we learn that night tossing and yawning wearily.

It stands on the great southern copper. How many thousands of American hus belt of Katanga, covering 7,000 square miles of country with ore bodies of enormous size, one of which is now yielding scure a national catastrophe by praising 30 per cent. copper, a region whose potential wealth is almost fabulous. This martyrs? Katanga province of the Belgian Congo. rich in agricultura! as well as in mineral resources, is just beginning to write a TEACHERS OF BACKWARD CHIL ton gasp, but commended the Hon. of Tunis, the ex-Queen of Madagascar new chapter in the story of development of the southern part of Africa.

The mining camp of Elizabethville is becoming a substantial town where title to a building lot cannot be acquired without an agreement to erect an approved brick building on the site. It is now at the railhead of the Cape to Cairo route; has vanished with those absurd, ridicu- further north, and then there will be uninterrupted steam transportation by rail little infantryman! Will not Paris and water through the middle of Africa herself take on the sombre shades of from Cape Town to the mouth of the

than hoping that the Violent Suffragettes the French infantryman remained a would bury the hatchet, they threw it.

How easy to picture the capture of Here he is rushing off to the country to find rest and seclusion, when if he only the astonishing glories of Magenta and waited until November he could be sure of it anywhere no matter how the election went.

# MAYOR GAYNOR FOR GOVERNOR.

The Man and His Fitness

The name of Mayor Gaynor is being very frequently mentioned these days in connec-tion with the Democratic nomination for ernor of this State. Yesterday's NEW YORK SUN says that he could carry New of the Bey of Tunis or the ex-Queen of York over any candidate the Republicans.

Madagascar as they saw the monotounited or divided, could possibly name. It praises him very highly in its own characsuspicion that their feeling was one of be better. There is a good deal of sense regret, regret that the armies that and force in the suggestion. It seems to be pretty generally conceded that Governor Dix will not be accorded the consideration worn the khaki, conviction that then all of a renomination, because they want a In many respects Mayor

### KATO THE CENSOR. Copy of Open Letter to Mayor Bacharach

of Atlantic City, N. J.

of New Jersey! Monarchy and (hie) free Country, governed to a large Part by religious Cranks, & la Bacharach.
While at Frankfurt on Main, my native City. While at Frankfurt on Main. my native City, which also used to be a free City before the Prus sian Annexation in 1866, there is one of the greatest national Festivities started on a Sunday by one of the greatest and most splendid Parades, by Mouter Concepts, by Tagest, Shanding, Concepts, by Mou-Ster Concerts, by Target Shooting for precious Prices of Honor and all kinds of popular Amuse ments, under its royal Protector, Prince Henry of Prussia, the mighty Emperor's Brother, while at the same Time a petty little wouldbe Despot, a Crank and Trailbearer of a clerical black bloused Band of uscless Idlers and Humbugs is command-ing his disponible Army of Club and Pistol wear-ling Ballemann, a start and forces. Prussia, the mighty Emperor's Brother, while ing Pollcemen, to stop and forbid to the your Folks the innocent Ballgame. Should any of the sound minded Citizens of this imbeciled wouldbe rece Country believe that such Simpletons as this Mayor of Atlantic City could be elected and be trusted with the Welfare of a lively Seashore Place, where People try to find a few Hours of

# Recreation during the hot Season? such Hypocrites! G Roosevelt and Bust!

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sic. hat Colonel Vote Loser has resigned from the Republican Club, it appears that the proper dispensation of his bronze bust is greatly agitating the President and mem-

Why don't they either sell or present it to the Third Party for its most appropriate LENOX, Mass., July 18.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: More work for the Board of Health! If the people who are looking for apartments in so called "moders apartments" would examine the dumbwalte and ask the lantfor how often he cleans or scrub A VICTIM. NEW YOLK, July 19.

# A Counsel of Perfection.

To the Editor of the Sus. Sir: The annual topic "Belt versus Suspenders." Why wear cither? They are both uncomfortable and decidedly not "dress." Remedy: Have trousers

"THE OLD MAN."

His Riotous Living White Mother and the Girls Are Away.

THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-

"and provide money for supposed to have developed?
girls." The "old man"—he is "In the early '50s the Pacific Mail Steam mother and the girls." The "old man"—he is not so very old, only 45-lives at a big hotel; ity are away. His meals he takes "on the list de Naos, Flamenco, Perico and Cule-outside," it being so much cheaper. For breakfast he has half a cantaloupe and a bowl of much and milk; price 20 cents, five cents to the waiter. For dinner he has a "The Pacific Mail Steamship Company." cents to the waiter. For dinner he has a "The Pacific Mail Steamship Compalittle soup ("free with all orders"), roast erected on these islands shops, storeroom

3 o'clock punctually he gets up, says "Well, good night, all," and betakes himself to his letters, which he reads and rereads, a smile occasionally illumining his sad face. are from the absent ones in Maine. reading at last comes to an end and he the nominal sum of \$115,150. The differ then takes up a pen and writes something ence between this sum and the amoun and I'm feeling fine. Enjoy yourselves. bands, popularly supposed to be "gas grass

widowers" during the summer months, live like the "old man"? O American wives. when you have the suffrage what will you do to show your gratitude to those willing NEW YORK, July 19.

The Work of Training Them Begun

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: In THE SUN of July 14 in an article on the work of the New York University for training Gesell is quoted as follows: This New York University is the first Eastern

ngton at Seattle was the first American univerity to give courses in this kind of work. I believe that Dr. Gesell's statement

sity to give courses in this kind of work.

I believe that Dr. Gesell's statement must have been misunderstood. This is the first year that the New York University of Pennshie coal fields in Rhodesia which have solved the smelting question for Katanga; nor many names such as Bukama and Kindu, where European settlements have sprung up, in the case of these particular towns because their sites mark the change between river and rail transportation on the upper Congo. Few maps show the names of the new Belgian stations through the great equatorial forest where Stats.

Lex's party nearly perished. Here a wide way has been cleared, a good road is maintained, and the whites are raising European vegetables in their gardens. In the days when many explorers were gridironing the continent with their route surveys it was impossible to keep the maps abreast of the new discoveries, and the map makers of to-day are finding it almost as strenuous a task to keep pace with the incessant growth of Africa's development.

Just as Mere Man was praying rather

had obtained his whole training in this department. Last summer the department of psychology secured the services of Miss Elizabeth Farrell, supervisor of ungraded classes in New York city, to conduct its class for backward children. She was assisted by two of her former teachers.

The work last year was conducted for the purpose of establishing a standard of what should be undertaken to educate teachers of special classes. For this reason we published during the winter a book of 275 pages and forty-three illustrations, entitled "The Special Classe for Backward Children, an Experiment Conducted for the Instruction of Teachers and Others Interested in Child Welfare, by the Psychological Laboratory and Clinic of the University of Pennsylvania." Three of the chapters of this volume are contributed by Miss Farrell. Professor Holmes contributes a chapter and Miss Research examination of children and Miss chapter on the clinical examination of hildren, and Mrs. Bryant chapters dealing with the problems of feeding and social

This summer the department of psychology of the University of Pennsylvania is carrying the work a step further and is adding a class for exceptionally bright children. It is a group of cleven children, who are just ready for third grade work, whem it is proposed to carry through the half year's work in the six weeks of the summer school. This class is conducted as an experiment to study this type of child in contrast with the backward child. The work of this class is also regularly observed by those students who seek training as teachers of backward classes, because experience has shown us that it is extremely important that teachers of backward children should also know the characteristic development of normal children.

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PHILADELPHIA, July 17.

# Ills Beaver Sweeps the Ground.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: To-day I note "W. K." is voicing the sublime sentiment that there are "Americans by the

I never dreamed of such a Utopia! was born of an American, Revolutionary strain, mother and an English father; at school and college in England for six years. I am now 48, yet I am repeatedly told I an to understand the mystic gift which makes true born Americans have sweeter voices and dispositions than any other on the

footstool. I have a friend, here thirty odd years. still condemned as a "foreigner who is not expected to be able to understand Ameri-cans" when he criticises the Rosenthal murder or the convention circus rather caustically. A war veteran with one arm and one leg at Perth Amboy was recently almost assaulted as a "damned foreigner" by the strikers when he tried to persuade

said "scabs" so wished. Hence my ideas and opinions as to what constituted that wonderful product (of the Irish race) an "American," and I really felt weak when I read "W. K.'s" letter. Do such gods still walk the earth? My beaver

J. H. L. G. CHAPIN. NEW YORK, July 18. The Reason in Rhyme.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT

Colonel, it seems, is constrained to withhold the light of his countenance from his Western fellows because, as per his "Publicity Bureau." "so many questions have come up at headquarters which require consultation with Colonel Roosevelt that it is a physical Why this specific explanation from the chief "Bull Moose"? Why not emit the

telegraphic grunt:

"Somethin' brewin' Nothin' doin' NEW YORK, July 18

The August issue of the Century Magazine is fiction number. It offers eight short stories by Owen Johnson, John Galsworthy, H. C. Rowland Eden Philipotts, Irving Bacheller and others a short instalment of W. J. Locke's serial. M F. Figan's account of St. Francis, with the Boutet de Monvei pictures, is concluded: Mr. C. P. Towne writes on the drug habit. Anna Bowman Podd de topic field versus Suspenders." Why wear cither? They are both uncomfortable and decidently not "dressy" Remedy: Have trousers fitted properly. That's all NEWARA, N. J., July 19. R. L. BREISCAN.

Reid Partish and Joseph Pennell.

A STOCKHOLDER'S PLAINT.
The Government's Liberal Price for Four

Panama Bay Islands TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The "Mother" and the girls have gone to a fashionable resort in Maine, and the "old main"
as usual has remained at home. The doctor
as usual has remained at home. The doctor
thought he ought to go too and have a good
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that government, is it reasonable to
expect that governmental supervision is
likely to purify business methods and corinterpolated the girls have gone to a fashionable resort in Maine, and the "old main"
report of the Pacific main
report of

ship Company acquired the sole ownership

beef or lamb with vegetables, pie and coffee:
and warehouses, built stone ways and
sea walls and made other improvements
thereon. During the time when these takes his sent in an armchair in front, lights a cigar and reads the evening paper. The cigar and paper finished, he discusses from taxation had they were exempted eigar and paper finished, he discusses from taxation, but when the Government "stocks" with some one for a while, and per- of the United States of America assumed he will go with a mass of unassimilated haps a little politics. These are the only control of the Panama Canal Zone it aswar bugles will never blow again a trusts which the Colonei will proceed to pensability of the Senstor was proved reserve must be provided, and the convert into ammunition for the terrible man sits with his head thrown back and a States Government served notice that it weary look on his face, thinking—thinking
probably of how to make more money! At
9 o'clock punctually he gets up, says "Well,
good night, all," and betakes himself to his

ments thereon were carried on the books of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company at

FERRIES OUT OF BUSINESS. The Coming Discontinuance of the Wall and Catherine Street Lines.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sic: Man

ivn borough between the Manhattan and the announcement made recently by the directors of the Union Ferry Company that the Wall street and Catherine street ferries will be discontinued after July 28.

Many concerns in the vicinity of Catherine street ferry send a large proportion of their trucking over it and several hundred tradesmen use it every morning and evening. This section of the city is being absolutely ignored so far as transit facilities are concerned. The ferry is the only one near many manufacturing concerns there. All the trucking bound for the Manhattan waterfront and the lower East Side goes this way. It will be a hardship to have to send the horses up the steep hill to the bridge approach and then over the span to Manhattan. It is about time for the business men of this vicinity to register a complaint against this sort of

THE LACKAWANNA ACCIDENT Could It Have Been Presented by

Torpedo Discharging Device?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Apart ing the Lackawanna wreck so far published goes to show that had torpedoes been place on the rail ahead of the train that did the damage the collision and resulting loss of life and property would probably not have build playgrounds for the children of occurred. Torpedoes would have added lably have wakened the engine driver, no matter now whether his inattention was caused by medicinal gin or by the old excuse I took charge of the department—an

of tinkering with the injectors.
Such torpedoes could have been placed on the rail by the rear brakeman of the train shead; or automatically by the same ground already owned by the city. mechanism that set the cautionary and man did not place them at once leads to a consideration of why visual signals sho

consideration of why visual signals should not be made to operate likewise as audible signals. It would require no great inventive capacity to construct visual signals in such manner that they would also feed torpedoes onto the rails, when set against travel past there; again renoving the torpedo when set at safety; and in fact this has already been done, and more than thrity years ago.

Naturally such a combination of visual and audible signals costs more to construct and operate than do simple visual signals; but on the other hand, and waiving a consideration of the saving of human lives, the lesson now inculcated is that the sum that will be paid in damages by the Lackawhich an underwriter would besitate to assume at much below a million dollars, and which will exceed half a million dollars, and which will exceed half a million dollars, and to be erected, glong the railroad tracks of the country. tracks of the country.

FORMER RAILBOAD COMMISSIONER.

NEW YORK, July 19.

# ARMAGEDDON.

The Unhappy Fate of Josiah, the Original Stander There.

TO THE LOTTOR OF THE SUN-Sic: The letter "Spelling's Armageddon" in THE SUN of July 13 recalls to mind Chicago and banner with the strange device, "I Am Standing at Armageddon. The Bible has two orthographies: the one in Revelations xvi., 16, "Armageddon"

"And he gathered them together into a a suburb. In front of him piles of teleplace called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon"; the other, H. Chronicles, xxxv.,
22, "Megiddo"; "He hearkened not unto
the words of Necho from the mouth
of God and came to fight in the Valley of
the control of t Megiddo.

Josiah, the man who stood at Arma geddon, in defiance of God's commands. at odds with law subversive of all order was slain, a penalty for his disobedience. The motif of the Scriptural narrative is featured after this wise: Necho, King of Egypt, was instructed by God to "make haste" against Charchemish, by Euphrates with line of march laid across Judah, with line of march laid across Judah, through the narrow mountain pass Armageddon. Necho, finding this defile obstructed, his progress delayed by Josiah and his hillside men, called out to Josiah. "Forbear thee from meddling with God. Who is with me, that Hedestroy thee not." Josiah heeded not the words from the mouth of God, but went against Necho. The archers shot at Josiah, and Josiah's men carried Josiah to Jerusalem, where he died.

Springfield, Ohio, July 17. V. S. W.

Remember the Byzantine.

THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: We hear stantinople. Do Americans shun Should we forget the Byzantine? ittle about Constantinople.

Spite of the Lean and Hungry. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN SIE: Why are at men less considerate of other people's rights, privileges and immunities than thin men are? CASSIUS.

# **OPENS PLAYGROUND**

Washington Heights Children Delight in New Recreation Field.

WILL ACCOMMODATE 1,000

Park Commissioner Tells the Youngsters It's Theirs as Long as. They Behave Themselves.

When Park Commissioner Stover went up to open the new Watergate playground, on Washington Heights. yesterday afternoon he was greeted dren, who for the first time in their lives were allowed to run and dance and play ball in the lot bounded by Convent and Amsterdam avenues. the 134th street and 135th street.

When the Commissioner arrived a score of the bigger boys were kicking a football around the south end of the park, two or three rings of girls were skipping gayly around in the classic game "Charlie Over the Water," dozens of mothers and bables were resting comfortably under a big white canvas McKenna were dancing an Irish jig to the strains of the municipal street

But Playground Inspector William Lee had been watching for him, and scarcely had the Commissioner passed through the Amsterdam avenue gate than 200 flags were waving and "The Star Spangled Banner" was being sung in several dozen different keys.

and explained that the beautiful new playground which comprised a whole acre of land and had space enough for 1.000 to run over was theirs as long as they behaved themselves.

"This lot has been turned over to the Park Department for recreation purposes," he said, "through the kindness of Commissioner Thomson of the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, and so long as you don't dig holes in the aqueduct or break the walls of the gate house I think there will be nothing to interfere with your After a pause for three cheers and

a tiger by the flag wavers Mr. Stover regarded his audience gravely and said that he had recently seen a cartoon representing Central Park dozens of sign posts labelled "keep of the grass" and one emaclated woman carrying a child looking long-ingly at the forbidden ground. emaciated am accused of wanting to deprive

the children of this city of the pleasure of playing on the grass," he went on. "but I think that the condition of Rutgers Park and Hamilton Fish Park and Tompkins Park and several others I could mention proves pretty conclusively that I value the children above a few blades of grass."
"And right you are!" yelled a gaunt.

black haired woman who had been eyeing the speaker with a hostile gaze.
"But, children," continued Mr. Stover impressively, "would you like to live in a city where there weren't any blades of grass at all?"

No." murmured a few voices. "Then perhaps you will understand." he said, "why I don't turn over the whole of the 843 acres of Central Park

to you for a playground.
"I don't care a peg for the lying editorials and cartoons. I shall do my duty as I see it, and part of my duty, as defined in the city Charter, consists in making the parks of the city beautiful and in keeping them so. ben you want a walk, just sixth street or Seventy-ninth street and notice the wagonloads of dirt and ashes that are being carried there to this borough. During my term of office thirty playgrounds have been added to the eleven that were in existence when average of ten a year-and not one of these has cost the city a penny for land. We have made use of plots of

"Now we want you to have a good time here," he said in conclusion, "and remember, it's for you and not for your

big brothers. Tell them to go to Jasper Oval when they want to play." When the games and dancing were resumed Inspector Lee called the reporters aside and told them he had just discovered the only possible King of Fun and Frolle for the grand fete of all nations, which is to be held on August 3 on the sheep pasture in Central Park. The lucky youth is John Hine of 1485 Amsterdam avenue, who is ? years old and weighs 130 pounds. Lee's daughter. Eleanor, is to be the Queen of Fairyland. The park sheep will appear in the Swiss scene and the donkeys in the Irish scene. Mr. Lee said that he had just heard that the grounds would be illuminated by thousands of electric lights. The band will consist of forty-five pieces and there will be a moving picture show to wind up the festivities.

UNDERWOOD AT OLD HOME.

Erie President Drifts Back to Homestead Every Year.

MILWAUREE, July 19 .- F. D. Underwood, president of the Eric Railroad, sat to-day in a quaint old armchair in the old home stead where he was born in Wauwatosa

of a railroad system were directed.

Underwood makes a pilgrimage to his old home every year. His parents are dead, but for two weeks out of every fifty-two the railroad president drifts back to the scenes of his boyhood days in the old house, which has not been altered since the death of his mother and farler. the death of his mother and father.

BOULEVARD ACT UPHELD. T. Coleman da Pout Now Can Build Highway Across Delaware.

DOVER, Del., July 19. - The Supreme Court of Delaware in special term here to-day handed down an opinion upholding the legality of the du Pont Boulevard act, under which T. Coleman du Pont some months ago began to build a highway

under which T. Coleman du Pont some months ago began to build a highway across the State, condemning property right and left, where he was unable to purchase it at a reasonable figure. The boulevard act not only allows the condemnation of private lands, but it grants permission to the du Ponts to use the thoroughfare on which to erect at electric line. Regarding this part of the act, the court declares it is perfectly legal, providing construction is started within a reasonable time.